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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF FIRST JCC PLENARY

- 1. GOR OFFICIALS TELEPHONED EMBASSY 2130 BUCHAREST TIME TO POST-PONE OPENING PLENARY OF US-ROMANIAN JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION FROM THURSDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL 0930 FRIDAY MORNING ON GROUNDS THAT "VERY IMPORTANT" MEETING INVOLVING MOST LEADERS OF MAJOR ROMANIAN ECONOMIC ENTITIES WOULD BE UNDERWAY ALL DAY THURSDAY WITH PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND THAT ROMANIAN MEMBERS OF JCC WOULD ACCORDINGLY BE UNABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH JCC PLENARY THAT DAY. WE HAD HEARD OF THIS INTERNAL MEETING EARLIER IN WEEK BUT JCC PROGRAM HAD SUPPOSEDLY BEEN ARRANGED BY ROMANIANS WITH THIS IN MIND. GOR SOURCES SAY RESULTS OF MEETING WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY APRIL 12 AND THAT PATAN WILL MEET DENT AT AIRPORT AND EXPLAIN TOMORROW. WE HAVE TELEPHONED AMEMBASSY SOFIA TONIGHT BUT THIS MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED AS FURTHER BACKGROUND.
- 2. SINCE JCC IS CLEARLY ALSO CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BY GOR, INTERNAL MEETING MUST BE REGARDED AS OF SOME URGENCY TO OVERRIDE OUR ALREADY ARRANGED PROGRAM. WE WOULD NOT DRAW ALARMIST CONCLUSIONS, HOWEVER; REMARKS BY GOR OFFICIALS INDICATE RANKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS LIKE PATAN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET SECRETARY AT AIR-

PORT AND AFTERWARDS FOR EVENING DINNER AS WELL AS MEETINGS ON FOLLOWING MORNING. SINCE OUR SOURCE SAID PARTY SECRETARIES ARE BEING CALLED IN FOR CONFERENCE, OUR GUESS IS THAT THIS WILL BE HORTATORY MEETING ON INDUSTRIAL SIDE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO AGRICULTURAL MEETING EARLIER THIS YEAR. THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER.

3. CHANGE OF PROGRAM SHOULD NOT AFFECT DEPARTURE TIME FROM BUCHAREST AND LOSS OF TIME ON THURSDAY CAN BE PARTLY MADE UP BY CLOSER SCHEDULING ON FRIDAY WITH LOSS OF PROBABLY NO MORE THAN HOUR AND ONE HALF OF WORKING GROUP TIME. WHILE THERE ARE SOME CHANGES OF TIMING INTO FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PROGRAMS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT BEEN AFFECTED. BARNES

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